GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:179
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ERADICATION OF POLIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has fixed any time-frame for eradication of polio from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 179 FOR 10TH DECEMBER, 2008

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For achieving the goal of polio eradication, the following programme is being implemented:

In Endemic States and districts, several Supplementary Immunization rounds are being implemented every year.

In response to detection of polio cases in polio free areas, Mop Up Immunization activities are being implemented.

To combat type 1 & type 3 circulations, type specific monovalent polio vaccines are being used in endemic States/districts.

Two National Immunization rounds are being implemented every year all over the country.

Intensive Surveillance of AFP (Acute Flacid Paralysis) cases is done and cases of wild polio virus are followed up through sero typing to determine how the infection spreads from endemic areas.